(3) Sri P. S. Ellappan, Chunampet, Madurantakam taluk.

(4) Sri O. Chengam Pillai, Ponneri taluk.

(5) Sri E. Venugopala Reddi, District Board Member, Minjur.

(6) Sri Loganathan, Natham, Chingleput.

The reconstitution of the Committee is under consideration."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—"May I know from the Hon. Minister whether any recommendations were made by the Committee and have the Government implemented the suggestions contained in those recommendations?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—"**It is** a very vague question, Sir. If a specific question is put I will be in a position to answer."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—"ஜில்லாக்களில் இருக்கும் ஹரிஜன் வெல்பேர் கமிட்டிகளுக்கு ஏதாவது ஆயுட்கால வரம்புண்டா ? அல்லது அவைகள் நீடித்துக் கொண்டே போகுமா ?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—"It has no indefinite period, Sir. The period is limited to three years. The reconstitution of the Committee is under the active consideration of the Government."

Retrenchment in the City Transport System.

* 52 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to effect retrenchment in the staff of the Madras City Government Transport System; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor and the number to be retrenched under each category?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"(*a*) No, Sir.

"(*b*) Does not arise."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI ;—"**City Transport**-ல் ஆட்கள் புதிதாகச் சேர்க்கப்படுகின்றனரா ?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"I would like the hon. Member to put a separate question. I am not aware of it now."

Death of a person under Police custody at Kozhikode.

* 53 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMY REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether one Murugesan died on the 31st October 1953 while he was in Police custody at Kozhikode;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any report from the concerned Police officials in the matter;

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(c) whether the cause of death was duly investigated; and

(d) the result of the investigation and the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) to (c) Yes.

" (d) A full statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, many incidents of suicide in lock-ups have figured in questions in this Assembly and in all such cases the Government were content with the report of their officers. Here in this case the first thing the officials did was to call all the pressmen and explain to them how the man in the lock-up committed suicide. May I ask, it is not guilty conscience that prompted the Police officials to take this step and as a matter of fact, the man died as a result of injuries inflicted upon him while he was in the lock-up? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, the hon. Member is entitled to come to his own conclusions. We have made the best endeavour possible to arrive at the truth and we have placed the full facts before the House. Unusually, I have put the whole thing on paper and put it before the House because I know the repeated habit of hon. Members to question everything of this kind. Unfortunate things do happen in the world but one need not always make a presumption against the officers who are trying to do their best according to their lights and discharge the duties allotted to them. The hon. Member referred to 'guilty conscience.' That is not the case here. The Police are aware that there are hon. Members who question these things. Therefore, they took the line they have taken."

Aaron Spinning and Weaving Mills, Limited.

* 54 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to reopen and start working of the Aaron Spinning and Weaving Mills, Limited, Pappinisseri, North Malabar?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether the Government have taken cognisance of the fact that the Mill has been closed with effect from 12th January 1954 and representations have been made to the Government with regard to the arrears of salary and other rights to which the workers are entitled and if so what action was taken by the Government in the matter? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the Government are aware of the fact that the Mills have closed down and they have also received letters that arrears of salary have not

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